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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0606

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, CD

SUBJECT: CHAD FOREIGN MINISTER IN LIBYA

1. MAJOR KAMOUGUE, FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHAD, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI MAY 28 WITH A LETTER FOR QADHAFI FROM THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. IN AIRPORT STATEMENT HE NOTED LIBYA HAD BEEN FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS FIRST SUCH CONTACT BETWEEN MILITARY REGIMES IN TWO COUNTRIES SINCE CHAD COUP. ONE SUBJECT THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSING IS THEIR COMMON BORDER, AND LIBYAN GARRISON WHICH HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN STATIONED AT AOZOU. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY, A LIBYAN FORCE OCCUPIED AOZOU EARLIER THIS YEAR, WELL BEFORE APRIL COUP IN CHAD. FRENCH SAY LIBYAN FORCE EXERCISES NO EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE AREA, HOWEVER, AND THAT IT EMERGES FROM ITS FORT ONLY TO PICK UP AIR DROPS. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH, ONLY REAL AUTHORITY IN THE AREA RESTS WITH TOUBOU TRIBESMEN, WHO DISLIKE THEIR LIBYAN CORELIGIONISTS AS MUCH AS THEY DO GOVT IN N'DJAMENA.

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3. WE NOTE THAT WHETHER AOZOU IS IN LIBYA OR IN CHAD MAY

BE A MATTER OF DISPUTE. A FRANCO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT OF 1935, NEVER RATIFIED, PLACED THE LIBYAN BOUNDARY WELL SOUTH OF THE BOUNDARY APPROVED BY THE FRANCO-LIBYAN TREATY OF 1955, AND IT WOULD BE QUITE IN CHARACTER FOR LIBYANS TO CLAIM 1935 AGREEMENT IS THE VALID ONE, PARTICULARLY AS 1955 AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY KING IDRIS. QUESTION WOULD BE LARGELY ACADEMIC IF IT WERE NOT FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS IN THE AREA WHICH MAY INCLUDE URANIUM. THIS POSSIBILITY IS OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO THE LIBYANS.  
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